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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: SECRETARY VANCE'S MEETING WITH
SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM

1. CYPRUS WAS ONE OF THE MAIN TOPICS COVERED WHEN SECRETARY VANCE CALLED ON SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM EARLY JULY 27. THE SECRETARY WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG, ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES AND POLMIN (NOTETAKER). THE SECRETARY'S DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT ROHAN ALSO SAT IN.

2. THE SYG NOTED THAT BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN, WHOM HE HAD SEEN JUST PRIOR TO THE SECRETARY'S CALL, HAD SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF A CONCERTED ROLE IN THE CYP-RUS PROBLEM FOR THE WESTERN FIVE POWERS. THE SUGGESTION WOULD BE FOR THE FIVE TO CONSTITUTE THEMSELVES AS A KIND OF CONTACT GROUP SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO THEIR WORK ON THE NAMIBIA QUESTION.

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3. THE SECRETARY CONFIRMD THAT THE FIVE HAD DISCUSSED THIS KIND OF AN IDEA AND HAD DETERMINED TO OFFER TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL THEIR EFFORTS, IF HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL. THE FIVE, OF COURSE, REPRESENT DIFFERING INTERESTS AND HISTORICAL RELATIONSWITH CYPRUS. PARTLY BECAUSE OF THAT, EACH OF THE FIVE HAS A DIFFERENT POSSIBI-

LITY OF LEVERAGE WHICH THEY THOUGHT MIGHT PROVE HELPFUL TO THE EFFORTS OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO ACHIEVE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS AND A SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS QUESTION. THE SECRETARY EMPHASIZED THAT ANY SUCH ROLE FOR THE FIVE WOULD BE ENTIRELY UP TO THE WISHES OF THE SYG.

4. WALDHEIM SAID HE WOULD VERY MUCH WELCOME WHATEVER HELP THE FIVE CAN PROVIDE. HE SAID CYPRUS HAS BEEN THE MOST FRUSTRATING PROBLEM HE HAS HAD TO DEAL WITH. HE URGED THE FIVE TO USE THEIR INFLUENCE ON THE PARTIES TO RESUME THE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS. HE SAID KYPRIANOU IS THE KEY AT THIS POINT, AND THE FIVE MUST BEND THEIR EFFORTS TOWARD PERSUADING HIM TO BE FORTHCOMING AND COOPERATIVE IN THE EFFORT TO GET TALKS GOING. WALDHEIM SAID KYPRIANOU IS DIFFICULT, AND IN FACT HE SHARED DOUBTS EXPRESSED TO HIM BY GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER AS TO WHETHER KYPRIANOU IS BALANCED. NONETHELESS, WALDHEIM SAID, THE TURKS CANNOT EXPECT HIM TO MOVE TOWARD RECONVENING THE TALKS WITHOUT THE AGREEMENT OF KYPRIANOU. HE THEREFORE URGED THAT THE FIVE WESTERN POWERS TURN THEIR EFFORT TOWARD PERSUADING KYPRIANOU. WHILE THE GREEK CYPRIOT COUNTER-PROPOSAL ON VAROSHA DOES NOT JIBE WITH THE TURKISH PROPOSAL, THERE IS SUFFICIENT GROUND FOR COMMON DISCUSSION THAT IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. THE SECRETARY SAID THE GREEK CYPRIOTS HAD CONFIRMED THAT BY FAMAGUSTA THEY MEANT GREEK FAMAGUSTA. THEY WOULD NOT USE THE WORD VAROSHA
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BECAUSE THE TURKS USED IT. THE SYG SAID THE FIRST STEP IS TO WORK WITH KYPRIANOU IN DEVELOPING THIS NEW BASIS.

5. SECRETARY VANCE SAID HE IS SOMEWHAT HOPEFUL THAT WHEN IT IS CLEAR THAT THE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO WILL BE LIFTED, THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WILL BECOME SOMEWHAT MORE REASONABLE. HE SAID HE HAS CLEAR INDICATION THAT CARAMANLIS, GREEK PRIME MINISTER, IS CONSIDERING HOW TO REINTEGRATE GREECE INTO NATO. HE APPEARS PRIVATELY TO HAVE ACCEPTED THE US DECISION ON THE EMBARGO AS A FAIT ACCOMPLI. SECRETARY VANCE HOPES THAT HE WOULD ALSO BE WILLING TO MOVE ON CYPRUS. THE SECRETARY SAID THE FIVE MUST FIND A WAY TO URGE ON TURKEY A FORTHCOMING STANCE ON THE AEGEAN PROBLEM. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE FIVE MIGHT HAVE SOME POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON THE TURKISH APPROACH.

6. THE SECRETARY GENERAL AGAIN EXPRESSED HIS EAGER WILLINGNESS TO RESUME THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN CYPRUS IF KYPRIANOU CAN BE BROUGHT TO AGREEMENT. HE EXPRESSED HIS WELCOME OF THE FIVE-POWER EFFORT.
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